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Ambulance Club Drive Kicks Off; \$2 Membership Fee For Services

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. will kick-off its annual Ambulance Club Membership Drive this week-end. The drive will be conducted from March 18 through March 31. During this period every family in Greenbelt will be contacted by a member of the fire department and rescue squad or a member of the ladies auxiliary. Each canvasser will have a supply of membership cards and they will issue a card to each family upon receipt of the \$2 membership fee. Payment of this mem-

Lastner Protests Right-of-way Delay

Frank Lastner, county commissioner, has protested to the U.S. Department of Interior for its delay in granting a 30-ft. right-of-way along the south side of Greenbelt road from Edmonston to Glenn Dale roads, he announced last week. Acquisition of the right-of-way is needed, before the state roads commission will accept the road into its system for repaving and widening.

"The highway commission," said Lastner, "has drawn up plans to build a 4-lane highway, but cannot go ahead without getting the additional land. If the Interior Department refuses to grant the right-of-way, the alternative is to purchase a strip of land along the north side of Greenbelt road from private parties." Lastner said he was opposed to using tax money for such a purpose when public lands are available.

Lastner sent copies of his protest to Maryland Representatives and Senators in Congress. Two of them replied that they are taking the matter up directly with Interior Secretary McKay.

The Greenbelt road has been in constant need of repair since the Washington-Baltimore Parkway opened in October, 1954. One of Lastner's last acts as Greenbelt mayor was to authorize the incorporation of the road into the state highway system. At present, the city is responsible for maintaining the road.

Library Notes

by Mary Kenan Hadley

President's Day, March 5, is for the purpose of better understanding of the American way of life by studying the lives of our Presidents and their wives. Your county library has biographies of several presidents and their wives. Some of the popular biographies are ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by Sandburg; JEFFERSON AND HIS TIME, by Malone; THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S LETTERS TO HIS CHILDREN; EISENHOWER, THE MAN AND THE SYMBOL, by Gunther; and GEORGE WASHINGTON: LEADER OF THE PEOPLE, by Judson. Look over the biography section the next time you are in the library.

Japanese dolls and ornaments, loaned by Mrs. John Shields of Cheverly, are on display at the Hyattsville Library for several weeks. Mrs. Shields studied doll-making for several years in a professional doll-making school in Tokyo, Japan. Come in and see O-BAA-SAN. A Japanese grandmother, the color and general pattern of her kimono indicates her approximate age, late 50's. She is folding a brightly colored kimono she has just made for a young girl. There is a beautiful Japanese bride, a young girl in a special festival kimono who is studying to become a geisha girl, among other interesting dolls. Miniature musical instruments add interest to the display. These colorful costumes of the Japanese people are authentic to the smallest detail so don't miss seeing them.

bership fee entitles every member of the family to all of the emergency services provided by the organization as often as necessary during the year. Routine transportation is available if arranged for at least twenty-four hours in advance. A schedule of fees has been established for non-members and these fees will be charged whenever the rescue squad is called upon to furnish any services to which members of the Ambulance Club are entitled.

Oxygen Use Rises

Included in the services furnished to members of the Ambulance Club are First Aid, use of oxygen equipment, transportation and the loan of such items as wheel-chairs and crutches. Of particular interest to the citizens of Greenbelt is the use of the oxygen equipment. Already this year the organization has used more oxygen than was consumed in the calendar year 1955. This item alone adds up to considerable expense which is defrayed by the membership fees of the Ambulance Club members.

The fire department and rescue squad has a present strength of 55 members who are ready to answer any type of emergency call twenty-four hours a day. Since the local organization became associated with the Prince George's County Fire Board additional equipment can be dispatched from neighboring communities to assist in any situation.

The Ambulance Club Membership Drive will end March 31 and any family which has not joined by then will be charged non-member fees for services rendered. After March 31, only families moving into Greenbelt after that date will be eligible for membership.

Only One Call

Because of the large number of families which each canvasser must call on, it will be impossible to make more than one call to any family. However, in order to accommodate those families who may not be home when the canvasser calls, members of the fire department and rescue squad or the ladies auxiliary will be available at the police station to accept memberships between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. on March 29, 30 and 31. Each family should make an effort to have its membership fee ready when the canvasser calls.

The local organization is a member of the Prince George's County Firemen's Association, Prince George's County Rescue Squad Association, Maryland State Firemen's Association, Maryland State Ambulance and Rescue Association, the International Rescue and First Aid Association, and the National Fire Prevention Association. Membership in these organizations keeps the local organization apprised of the latest developments in the fields of fire-fighting and first aid and rescue work.

SPOTS! SPOTS! SPOTS!

Notice how quiet the neighborhood has been; it's the measles that are doing it. However, Mrs. Plackett, City Health Nurse, stated this week that although there are quite a few cases it cannot be called an epidemic. None are unusually serious and there is no cause for alarm.

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

Council of the City of
Greenbelt

March 19, 1956

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Monthly Reports
7. Sidewalks in Subdivisions (Resolution)
8. Discuss Bus Questionnaire
9. Consider Revising Standing Rules
10. Consider Lending Assistance to Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad in Building Plans.
11. Resolution Declaring March 24-31 as Clean-Up Week
12. Decide on Swimming Pool Admission Prices.

Special City Meetings Put Off Temporarily

The city council, because of its heavy schedule for the past several weeks, postponed two of its scheduled special meetings this week. The special meetings were to have been part of a series of some sixteen meetings for the purpose of studying a proposed "Master Plan" which would be designed to fix the policy of the council with regard to future re-zoning petitions and establish an over-all plan for land use within the city limits.

The council will resume with its regular meeting on Monday, March 19 at 8 p.m., at which time it will consider items by-passed on previous agenda in order that it might consider the more pressing questions on rezoning.

Thursday evening, March 15, instead of its special meeting, council members (with exception of Mayor Canning) expect to attend a dinner at the University of Maryland, given by the Maryland Municipal League Council, of which the city is a member.

Following Monday's regular meeting, the council plans to resume its special bi-weekly meetings.

Your Mother-in-law May Be Worth \$100

Viewers of Donna Douglas on WTOP-TV will be offered \$100 to write their thoughts on mothers-in-law.

Everyone's invited to enter the contest which started Monday, March 12. All entrants have to do is write 100 words or less on the topic, "My idea of the perfect mother-in-law is . . ." Mail their entries to Donna Douglas at WTOP-TV, Broadcast House, Washington 16, D. C.

The winning letter-writer will receive \$100 in cash. The contest closes midnight, Sunday, March 24.

Entries will be judged on originality, sincerity, aptness of expression, and neatness. The winning letter-writer will be announced on her show Friday, March 30.

Planning Commission Votes "No" On Gas Station Site; Cite Reasons

by Rhea G. Kahn

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission last week turned down Greenbelt Consumer Services' proposed gas station site on Southway. The Commission recommended to the County Commissioners, who will make the actual decision on zoning, that they deny the petition of Greenbelt Land Improvement Corporation for rezoning of the parcel of land between the 10 Court and the National Guard Armory from residential to commercial. This recommendation followed by one day the vote of Greenbelt city council to recommend approval of the petition, but with "restrictions." The council's vote was not known to the commission when it took action, according to Warren Giauque, Chief Planning Engineer.

Planners' Reasons

Reasons for denial, according to Assistant Planner Richard A. Gucker of the commission, include: that a filling station on that site would be basically out of line with the original concept for the development of Greenbelt; traffic congestion at that point, which will be complicated by the new location of the Baltimore Parkway interchange; a potential traffic hazard created by the fact that the north Southway passes over a slight rise, which would block the view of anyone entering or leaving the filling station; the effect of changing the character of the entrance to Greenbelt from pleasant

surroundings to something of a commercial nature; and the proximity of the residential property on the north (the 10 Court) without an adequate buffer strip between the different uses of land, as in the remainder of Greenbelt.

Mayor Thomas Canning, upon being informed of the planning commission action, said he agreed that the proposed site was not consistent with the original plan for Greenbelt and said that the city council was confused when planners Hale Walker and Roger Willcox at the last minute declared they did not object to the site. (Neither was directly questioned by the council.)

GCS To Pursue

Greenbelt Consumer Services, prospective proprietor of the filling station, still feels that "it is in the best interest of the community," according to Acting General Manager Robert Morrow, and "will continue to pursue the matter with the County Commissioners." More specifically, he cited the opinion of Hale Walker that locating the filling station there was in conformity with his original concept of Greenbelt; he stated that GCS had consulted a Washington traffic expert, who said the filling station would not materially increase the traffic problem at that point; and he said the 75-foot buffer zone to be dedicated to the city on the north was adequate to separate the different land uses.

Other Comments

City manager Charles McDonald stated that all points raised by the planning commission had been thoroughly brought out in the city-council hearings.

Councilman Robert Hurst said he was not surprised at the decision and felt almost certain the County Commissioners would approve the rezoning. "I think council considered every one (of their reasons), and those objections were not overriding," he said. "Stimulating development is the prime reason why I approved of the site."

Said Councilman Alan Kistler: "The council had considered the various objections to the site. . . . With the various agreements we discussed the decision was justified. Others weighing the same factors might reach a different conclusion."

Mental Health Society Drive Begins; \$6,000 More Needed For Clinic Service

The Prince Georges County Mental Health Society kicks off its drive for \$6,000 today. The money will be used to add a second day of service to the schedule of the county Mental Health Clinic. The clinic was opened last September with funds furnished by the State Department of Health and now serves the county one day each week.

Pointing out the need for greatly expanded facilities, the mental health society strongly urges county residents to get behind the effort. There were 250 school children with emotional disorders who were unable to receive help during the 1954-55 school year, health officials disclose, and 560 boys and girls came before the juvenile court between September, 1954 and September, 1955. There is no psychiatric personnel service in the court.

The drive has been timed to coincide with the County Commissioners budget hearings because the society is hopeful that this expression of community feeling will help persuade the commissioners to appropriate enough money for a third day.

The drive is endorsed by a number of county-wide organizations including the County Council of PTA's, League of Women Voters, Medical Society, Teachers' Association, Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Council of Jewish Women as well as the County Health Department and Board of Education, and a number of clergymen.

GVHC MEMBERSHIP MEETS VOTING ENDS TONIGHT

With five dissenting votes, GVHC members approved last night the board's recommendation for the establishment of a revolving fund to aid departing members in the resale of their housing units. The membership also unanimously accepted by-law changes clarifying membership requirements and changing the date of the annual meeting. The only conflict arose over a proposed amendment by Mat Amberg to reinstate the right of appeal by applicants rejected for membership. The amendment carried 40-35.

Voting for the 9-man GVHC Board started last night and continued all through today. In case fewer than nine of the candidates get a majority of the votes, a runoff election will be held next Thursday.

Frank J. LaParle, Ted Dalbow, and James Keene were nominated and elected to the audit committee; candidates elected to the "elections" committee, included Ed Barron, Bernard Krug, Hal Silvers, Elaine Skolnik, and Alan Chotiner.



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Another Decision

As we were saying last week, minority decisions often become majority decisions; last week's decision of the Maryland National Park and Planning commission to recommend that the zoning petition be denied by the county commissioners supports this claim. We were disappointed by the city council's decision last week, but are heartened by the new action taken by the planning commission.

The planning group is a bi-partisan body composed of men experienced and learned in the field of city planning. A staff of engineers and qualified personnel is at their disposal. Without the guidance of a commission of this kind, communities and rural areas would expand without thought to future patterns of growth and development. In this age of rapid urban expansion of areas close to large metropolitan cities, good planning is essential.

Such a planning group must be impartial to local prejudices. We have discovered the interdependency of many small communities, particularly regarding traffic, commercial and industrial areas, recreation sites and schools. The effect of bad planning on one part affects the whole, and to correct mistakes is costly. Only a central planning board can regard the entire picture with the objectivity required for orderly expansion.

Surely, the petitioner must be aware, by now, that the decision of this planning commission carries the weight of authority in the field of planning. In effect, the decision not to recommend re-zoning, asserts that a gas station at the proposed site would not be proper for the community, or the entire county. We are convinced that Greenbelt Consumer Services (and they have so publicly stated) has the best interests of Greenbelt and its citizens in mind. It would appear quite fitting and proper at this time for GCS and Greenbelt Land Improvement Corporation to withdraw their petition.

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7 p.m. - "Beyond Measure"

Monday - "It's the Decision You Make"

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Sunday, March 18: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church Services. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 8:30 service. Sermon by Pastor Birner.

Monday, March 19: 8 p.m., Men's Club meets at the church.

Wednesday, March 21: 7:30 p.m., Mid-week Lenten Service. Sermon by Pastor Birner: "Friends - Of No Aid."

Baptist Chapel

Center School

Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor
4-E Hillside Rd. - GRanite 4-9424

Thursday, March 15 - 7:30 p.m., Prayer Meeting for Pre-Easter Services at the Center school. Dr. James T. McCarl, prayer chairman, will be in charge of the meeting. 8:30-9 p.m., Sunday School Teachers and Officers Meeting. 9 p.m., Chapel Choir rehearsal.

Friday, March 16 - 7:30-9 p.m., Visitation Night. 7:15-8:15 p.m., Chapelaire rehearsal at the home of Mrs. Edgar Taylor, 4-D Crescent.

Saturday, March 17 - 11 a.m., Cherub choir rehearsal at the home of Mrs. James T. McCarl, 28-A Ridge.

Sunday, March 18 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School. John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning Worship Service. Beginning of Pre-Easter Services with Rev. L. Philip Samuelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Schenectady, as the guest preacher. His message is entitled, "This Is The Day." Cherub and Chapel Choirs will sing. 6 p.m., Training Union for all ages. 7 p.m., Evening Worship Service. Mr. Samuelson will preach on the subject, "Beyond Measure."

Monday through Friday, Pre-Easter Services will be held in the Center School. The Sanctuary Choir of the Metropolitan Baptist Church will sing Tuesday evening. Greg Christy, violinist, will play on Thursday evening. The Junior Choir of the Berwyn Baptist Church will sing on Friday evening.

Community Church

Eric T. Braund, Robert C. Hull
Ministers

Saturday, March 17: 10 a.m., Meeting of the Stewardship Committee.

Sunday, March 18: Morning Worship at 9 and 11 a.m.; Sermon Theme "Christian Stewardship for Lent—and Always" by a team of laymen and the Rev. Hull, with Worship Service led by Rev. Braund assisted by Kenneth Carney, Frank Edmunds, and Jack Beckham. Pledge cards will be received in a Congregational Procession. Church School as follows: 9 and 11 a.m., Nursery, Kindergarten, and Primary; 11 a.m., Nursery for one year olds at 2-B Hillside. 6-8 a.m., Junior High Fellowship, Fellowship Center; Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship and Class, 7-8:30 a.m., Social Hall.

Monday, March 19: 8 a.m., Missionary Group, home of Mrs. LeForte, 53-A Ridge.

Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23: 7:45-9:30 a.m., Training Session for men in the Stewardship Campaign, Social Hall.

Methodist Church

Stanley F. Knock, Jr., Minister

Friday, March 16 - 8 p.m., MYF party.

Sunday, March 18 - 9:30 a.m., Church School. 11 a.m., Church School, kindergarten and nursery departments. 11 a.m., Morning Worship conducted by Rev. Knock. His sermon is entitled: "Insights Into Suffering: Mock Coronation." 5:30 p.m., Family Study Hour: Rev. William E. Smith leading the adult session. 6:30 p.m., Family Supper Hour.

Monday, March 19 - 8 p.m., WSCS Executive Meeting at Mrs. Tierney's home, 2-F Laurel Hill.

Tuesday, March 20 - 8 p.m., Methodist Men meet at Kopacz home, 2-Q Plateau Pl.

Wednesday, March 21 - Church School Workers Conference for teachers, superintendents. Theme, "Using Our Literature."

Thursday, March 22 - 3:45 p.m., Brownie Troop No. 109 meets. 4:30 p.m., Membership Training Class for Youth. 6:45 p.m., Junior Choir rehearsal. 7 p.m., Girl Scout Troop No. 49 meets.

Hebrew Services

Hebrew Services at 8 p.m. at the JCC Building Friday, March 16. Candlelighting time: 5:43 p.m.

Registration March 28 For Co-op Kindergarten

Registration for the 1956-57 term of the Greenbelt Cooperative Kindergarten will take place March 28, at the Center and North End schools from 10 to 12 a.m.

Any child who is 5 years old on or before December 31, 1956, is eligible to attend kindergarten. A \$5 registration fee, proof of vaccination and booster shot, and birth certificate are required to register.

Kindergarten classes are held at the schools and are under the supervision of the principals, and the State Board of Education.

Applications Accepted For Fall Nursery Term

Applications are being accepted for the fall session of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School, 14 Parkway.

Established in 1941, by parents, the school provides creative play opportunities for three and four year-olds and is supervised by Mrs. Jenny Klein, a trained nursery teacher, assisted by mothers. Last year the group made trips to a firehouse, postoffice and farm and attended the tiny tot concert.

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Admission will be free and many valuable door prizes will be awarded to those who attend. Sponsor of the event is the DeWilton Donaldson Appliance Store of Laurel. Homemakers who attend will have an opportunity to share in many valuable door prizes. The first 200 persons to enter the theater will receive a handy magnetic pot holder, compliments of the DeWilton Donaldson Store. Also given away to early arrivals will be 100 handy scissors-savers provided by PEPCO.

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Mrs. Mary L. Quinn

The Electric Cooking demonstration will be in the capable hands of Mrs. Mary L. Quinn, Assistant Director of PEPCO's Home Service Bureau. Mrs. Quinn's program includes 3 complete meals featuring a top stove dinner, a complete dinner from the Electric Home Freezer and a broiler dinner. Everyone will be given a complimentary copy of the complete menus and detailed recipes featured in the demonstration.

Baptist Encouraging Pre-Easter Attendance

High attendance will be encouraged at the four services of the Greenbelt Baptist Chapel on Sunday in connection with the beginning of the Pre-Easter Services. The Sunday School has set their goal of 200 and the Training Union which meets at 6 p.m. will endeavor to reach 100 in attendance.

Rev. L. Philip Samuelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Schenectady, N. Y., will preach on the subject, "This Is The Day" in the 11 a.m. morning worship service in the Center school auditorium and "Beyond Measure" in the evening service at 7 p.m. The services will continue Monday through Friday at 7:45 p.m.

The new Baptist Hymnals will be used for the first time. Tuesday evening, March 19, the members of the Sanctuary Choir of the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., consisting of fifty voices will sing.

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As early as 1620, medical history tells us, a surgeon removed nine coins swallowed by a boy who was about to be robbed. Today doctors try to find ways of avoiding surgery in removing objects that children swallow.

No "Do-it-Yourself"

One way of removing a metallic object is use of a very small magnet on a string. The magnet can be put into the throat and allowed to work its way down into the stomach or intestines. It is then withdrawn, pulling the indigestible tidbit with it. Doctors have had considerable success in retrieving Mother's bobby pins by this method. However, it is not an operation to be performed by "do-it-yourself" fans.

Physicians can now also give antibiotic drugs to prevent infection. Then they wait and watch until the object is eliminated naturally. An unusual case reported by one doctor is that of a year-old baby boy who swallowed five open safety pins and a dozen needles. He also managed to consume some the balloon given to him at the hospital. The child was given antibiotics. Almost all the objects were eliminated; a few had to be removed by surgery. He left the hospital in the best of health—ready to swallow anything else he could get his hands on.

Foreign bodies which get into the windpipe and lungs are perhaps the most dangerous to children. If not coughed up, clogging of air passages results. Emergency removal is usually necessary.

Up To Parents

Doctors do their best, but the important task in preventing the tragedies that can result from swallowing odd objects is up to parents. It's a twenty-four hour job to protect baby from the strange diet he will follow in his natural desire to try the taste of anything and everything.

This column is sponsored, in the interest of better health, by: Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

Hufendick-Stripling

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hufendick, 9-P Southway, announce the marriage of their daughter, Sondra, to Michael Stripling, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stripling, 1-K Gardenway. Both attending High Point High school, the couple plans to make their home in Greenbelt.

"Sondy" and Mike were married at the Community Church Saturday, March 10, by Reverend Eric Braund. A shower will be given in their honor tonight by some school friends.

"Sondy" is active on the school paper, "The Beacon", and Mike is president of High Point's first senior class.

Mayor Canning Speaks At Toastmasters Club

The local Toastmasters Club held its regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday night at the Center school. City manager Charles McDonald acted as Toastmaster and Mayor Tom Canning was the principal speaker.

President Robert Hurst announced receipt of the charter from the national organization and said that plans for presentation ceremonies are in the making. Hurst stated that the quota of thirty members is now almost filled but that applications for both active and associate memberships are still being considered.

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The Long View

By Al Long

One of the remarks made about Mark Twain was that "His wife not only edited his works but edited him." I know what he means because mine often gets hold of a column before I send it in and edits it, or if I sneak in a column that she doesn't see beforehand, she quite often edits me.

She was mortified at the last column about Al Farber's wonderful martinis—said it made me out a terrible lush, especially among our dry friends. Of course, that's not true—quite. I agree with an old philosopher that "Tis not the drinking that is to be blamed, but the excess," or to put it in verse: "If all be true that I do think,

There are five reasons we should drink.

Good wine—a friend—or being dry—

Or lest we should be by and by—

Or any other reason why."

On the other hand I agree that Bacchus has probably drowned more men than Neptune. There is a lot of truth in the proverb, "It is all right to drink like a fish—if you drink what a fish drinks," or again in verse:

"At the punch bowl's brink
Let the thirsty think

What they say in Japan:

First the man takes a drink,
Then the drink takes a drink,
Then the drink takes the man."

And to sum up my own philosophy about drinking, Confucius said (He really did.), "The man who is master of himself drinks gravely and wisely."

But to get back to my strict, sometimes, editor. This week I intended to and did write a little squib about how far the GVHC manager should go in implementing or following through on certain civic matters on which the Board voices a vote opinion. For example, a few weeks ago the Board voted against the gas station zoning and against a liquor license for the Greenbelt American Legion Post. Well, on the basis of these two votes the manager and the director of sales and service drove down to Upper Marlboro to make personal representation against the liquor license, but no staff member went to a Council meeting or any other zoning meeting to present the Board's position on the gas station. Of course, the president of the Board works for the GCS gas station, and so far the Legion has not offered any Board member the job of bartender.

Well, I went on to point out some embarrassing situations in which the manager will find himself if he carries out all the Board decisions with the same enthusiasm and zeal as the vote on the liquor license, such as the perennial question of wearing shorts in the Center, the possibility of voting for a GCS liquor license (they were interested in a bottle goods license, once). Or even such an innocuous thing as the Board voting in favor of the Red Cross life saving program—would this require him to spend summer afternoons in swimming trunks at the pool? But I had to tear it up as it was either a case of Pat editing the column—or editing me.

"The Farmer and the Fox"

A Parable

by Harry M. Zubkoff

(Any resemblance to persons living or dead is strictly coincidental)

Prologue

Once there was a sly old fox who lived at the foot of a very high mountain. On the other side of the mountain lived a hard working farmer who raised chickens, thousands of them. Now the sly old fox used to raid the farmer's chicken coops almost every night, and because the distance around the mountain was so great, he built a road over the mountain. But the hard working farmer, who owned the mountain and the land around it, found the fox's road and closed it.

Opus

So the sly old fox went to the Sheriff and said, "I must travel this road every night. Now what shall I do?"

And the Sheriff said, "Build another."

"But it is the farmer's land," said the fox, "and he would only close it again."

"Then you must go to Congress," said the Sheriff, "and get permission."

So the sly old fox gathered together some of his brother foxes, not all of them because even some of his brother foxes did not like him (but they didn't oppose him either, maybe because they were afraid of him), and went to Congress.

"I must travel to the other side of the mountain every night," said the sly old fox to the Congress, "in pursuit of my—ah—legitimate business."

The Congress deliberated a while, and then granted the fox permission to build another road over the mountain. When the hard working farmer heard of this, he protested.

"But it is my land," he said, "and I don't want a road."

"Aha," replied the Congress, "but think of the convenience. Such a road will enable you to get your chickens to market quickly, efficiently and cheaply." And, dazzled by this brilliant reasoning, the farmer returned home, muttering under his breath.

And the sly old fox built a new road over the mountain.

But while all this was going on, both the farmer and the fox sort of lost sight of the chickens. True, the chickens were in the backs of their minds, but they were not in the front of their minds.

Now chickens are notoriously foolish, but when they heard of this they rebelled. "Even chick-

ens have certain rights," they clucked among themselves, "and we are certainly chickens." So they all ran away and found new homes.

Epilogue

The sly old fox was furious and berated the hard working farmer for allowing the chickens to run away. The hard working farmer was puzzled and berated the sly old fox for scaring them away. The Sheriff was cynical and said they would come back when they got hungry. And the Congress deliberated a while before moving on to more pressing problems.

Sequel

Today the sly old fox is in a new location where chickens are more plentiful. The hard working farmer is raising pigs because chickens are too much trouble. The Sheriff is still waiting for the chickens to come back. The Congress didn't get reelected and a new Congress is now deliberating. And the chickens are still free.

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